



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD TO PHOTOISOMERIZE A RECORDING LAYER  
WITH A POLARIZING ROTARY DEVICE (AS AMENDED)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

Further to the December 31 Notice of Allowance, and further to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please replace claims 1, 21, 35, 37, 39 and 55 as follows:

1. (Six Times Amended) An optical recording medium, comprising at least one optical recording layer, the optical recording layer including an optical recording material that changes a state of photo-induced birefringence in response to a recording light that is externally controlled from the optical recording medium to rotate a polarization angle of the recording light, a portion of the recording layer that changes a state of photo-induced birefringence substantially acting optically as a half-wave plate; and  
a substrate which sustains the optical recording layer,